

# **ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Community Services Development Department-SINEX Conference Room  
700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA

March 13, 2008

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Energy Council members present: Arleen Novotney and Kathy Kifaya from SoCal Forum, Louise Perez from ACCESS, Val Martinez and Linda McQueen from ARNCEP, Dennis Osmer from LSPC, Alex Sotomayor from ACCESS, Bill Parker from BAPRC, and Chris Johnson.**

**CSD Staff present: Lloyd Throne, Renée Webster-Hawkins, Jason Wimbley, and Helga Lemke.**

The following represents the agenda items discussed during the meeting:

1. Solar
2. Formula
3. Leveraging
4. Automation Report
5. Re-prioritize Contract Changes
6. Travel Reimbursement

## **Item 1. Solar Banking**

HHSA Under Secretary, Ann Boynton, sent notice for a meeting with a Law firm who represents a bank wishing to provide no-cost financing for solar installations. It is anticipated that the benefit to the bank would be tax rebates and other environmental credits. CSD will meet with the law firm, specifically William Weld, the former Governor of Massachusetts; and 2 representatives of the bank on Tuesday March 18, 2008.

Ann Boynton questioned the benefit to the bank.

What happens if there is a foreclosure?

What risks to the homeowner?

What is the task for the state?

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What is the security of their investment?

Do we care?

What are they going to fund (how big a system)?

All measures funded.

Training? CCC, agencies

**Solar CSI:** Concept paper sent to group. CSD would like to provide zero cost systems to the low-income households... Focus is on partial systems due to cost, 1.5 to 3 KW systems. Also; possible collaboration with utilities to provide WX services.

Private contractors will provide assessment and installation services in the first year, but the proposal includes training for the network agencies. There is a concern that the private contractors may have issues, as with quality control. Perhaps have them sub-contract with the local CSD provider.

LIHEAP/DOE leveraging funds will be leveraged. These funds would be used for labor and incorporated into the contracts as a measure. As in the LEAD program, they would be set aside for solar.

- Is the eligibility going to be capped? Propose to change to very low-income, LIHEAP eligible.
- Has there been any discussion on HCD funding? A meeting with HCD is scheduled for March 18, 2008.

M/S/A Val, Bill to approve CSD to move forward and submit the RFP to the CPUC based on the concept paper to CSD. Accepted.

A conference call to solidify the Solar concept at 10:00 AM on Monday March 17, 2008.

## **Item 2. Formula**

CSD will provide the last funding allocation formula and the process of the meetings to this group.

Val suggested having all of the members of the council to be on this committee. Meet for this task one day before the Council meeting until we finish this process. Each association should have an alternate attendee to this group (one per association). In addition, to add to this group, one ARNCEP member to serve on this committee. (Shelly Hance)

Process was discussed to facilitate this subject. Start with the review of the past meetings. Timeframe will be approximately 3-4 months.

Val set the first conference call on Formula for Tuesday April 1, 2008, at 2:00 PM.

## **Item 3. Leveraging - Solar leveraging with LIHEAP/DOE**

Utility leveraging for the 2009-2011 programs. A CPUC meeting will have the utilities schedule a meeting regarding this issue. The utilities are not going to have more workshops until after the filing in May. Groups will have comment periods to voice their opinions.

The LIOB was suggested to make comments. This is on March 19, 2008 at CHARO in San Gabriel. The Strategic Plan is a long-term focus on the LIEE.

Leveraging is not a referral. There needs to be some contact with CSD and the network to discuss the leveraging issues.

Utilities, Utilities and Commerce Committee and CPUC will be asked to attend the next Council meeting on April 10, 2008, to discuss the strategic plan and other issues such as leveraging. CSD will have the planned goals from prior discussions.

#### **Item 4. Automation**

Dennis and CSD have met to start the next step. The next step will be to create a prototype to show the network. This is on an aggressive schedule. The modified ServTrac will be available to those agencies that do not currently have the system. The system will be maintained by CCES.

#### **Item 5. Contract Changes**

Updating the new items/measures; issues that may arise from the decisions of the Energy Council group. IT must be made aware of any changes by July 1, 2008. Dennis asked that changes be given a 45-day incorporation timeline.

First meeting to discuss the major identification of major contract issues will be a conference call on Monday April 7, 2008, at 9:00 AM.

#### **Item 6. Travel Reimbursement**

There will be reimbursement for travel, as long as meetings are held in Sacramento. Analysts showed it was non-cost effective to hold meetings in Southern California.